

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF 12/23/08

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kevin Johnston
Jeffrey Bryan
Andrew Artimovich
George Waldron

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 12/16/08 meeting. Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Waldron, all voted in favor. The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the nonpublic session held 12/16/08. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to approve the minutes as written. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- Waldron made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to reopen the Health Agencies budget. All voted in favor. Waldron made a motion to remove the budget line of \$810 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and include it as a warrant article as we have not provided funding for them since 2006. Bryan seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Waldron made a motion to accept the revised budget in the amount of \$22,931. Motion was seconded by Bryan; all voted in favor.
- The Selectmen would like to have a debriefing of the ice storm operations. Julie will schedule it in January.
- Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to pay a bill to Mainstay Technologies for website development in the amount of \$3,390 from Town Office impact fees. All voted in favor.
- There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 27th, with Craig Green of the DOT to discuss the lights to be installed at Rte 125 & 111A, and Rte 125 & North Rd. The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Road Agent, Police Chief, and Fire Chief have been invited at his request.
- At Phyllis Thompson's recommendation, the Selectmen would like to change the Pilgrim United Church land parcel to tax exempt rather than abating their taxes every year.
- The Fire Station Building Committee will be interviewing the 2 final candidates on Monday 12/29 at 3:00 pm at the Town Office. The Selectmen are encouraged to attend.
- The Board reviewed a letter from Christina Hardy requesting an abatement of the interest on her property taxes from the first tax bill of 2008. Waldron made a motion to abate Hardy's interest charges. Johnston seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
- The Selectmen would like to make a donation in the amount of \$40 to Rockingham VNA & Hospice in memory of Carolyn's mother, Mary Mandile.

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The Board signed the following documents:

- NHSPCA contract for 2009
- A contract with Century Consulting to provide assessing and related support services for the Town for 2009. His fee is remaining the same as 2008.

At 7:00 p.m. Johnston, acting Chairman, opened the Public Hearing for the acceptance of Eleanor's Way as a town road. Johnston read the letter from the Planning Board indicating they had voted to recommend the acceptance of Eleanor's Way at their November 6, 2008 meeting. There were no public comments or questions. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Waldron, to accept Eleanor's Way as a town road. All voted in favor.

We received an estimate from Crichton Electric for the electrical work that would be needed with the construction of the wall in the Selectmen's office in the amount of \$850. The Board would like to include this in the encumbrances. Bryan will get paperwork together for that. Crichton also gave an estimate of \$6,750 for a generator for the BCC. The Board would like to include this as a warrant article.

The Board reviewed the following budgets:

Revaluation of Property

- Tax Map Updates: a contract has been signed for Cartographics at the same cost as 2008.
- Mathematical Update: \$28,000 being requested as the second installment of a data collection contract. This amount, along with the \$28,000 which will be encumbered, will cover the cost of a full data collection in 2009 in anticipation of a reassessment in 2010.
- Tax Appraisals: This covers the cost of Century Consulting and is being level funded from 2008.
- Electric Utilities: 2008 was the final payment of a 2-year contract with Skip Sansoucy for a utility valuation. Jim Michaud recommends keeping them on to continue with discovery on all public utilities where Skip would be responsible for picking up their additions/deletions and give an amended value for utilities for each year. Jim estimates a cost of \$3,000-\$4,000.
- Total Budget: \$54,500 which represents a 40.83% increase over 2008.

Bryan made a motion to accept the Revaluation of Property budget in the amount of \$54,500. Motion was seconded by Artimovich; all in favor.

Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated

- Property & Liability: Anticipating approximately \$37,500 for 2009.
- Worker's Compensation: Quote for 2009 is \$44,924.
- Total Budget: \$82,424 – up 11.64% from 2008.

Waldron made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to accept the Insurance budget in the amount of \$82,424. All voted in favor.

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Advertising & Regional Assoc.

- NHMA Dues: For 2009 will be \$3,097

A motion was made by Bryan to accept this budget as presented. Artimovich seconded the motion; all in favor.

Street Lighting

- \$420 requested for 2009

Bryan made a motion to approve the street lighting budget totaling \$420. A second was made by Johnston; all voted in favor.

Solid Waste Disposal

- This is being level funded at \$108,000

Artimovich made a motion to approve this budget. Bryan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Other Financial Uses

- Debt Service Note: None in 2009
- Debt Demeritt: \$54,348 due in 2009.
- Debt Library: \$18,813 scheduled for interest payments on the Library bond for 2009; \$30,000 for principal.
- Debt Open Space: \$87,045 due in 2009 for principal payment on the 3 Open Space bonds; \$76,254 due in interest payments. This includes a new bond for Bertram and Powers easements.
- Debt Other: This replaces the contingency fund. Requesting \$30,000.
- Total Budget: \$296,460 which is up 71.19% from '08.

Bryan made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to approve this budget as presented. All voted in favor.

The Selectmen received a budget worksheet for the entire operating budget which indicates a total increase, not including warrant articles, of 3.2%

Bryan informed the Board that the Budget Committee is looking into the Recreation Revolving Account to determine if more items in the recreation budget should be getting paid from the Revolving Fund.

At 7:25 p.m. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Waldron, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens